

Milwaukee Public Schools' Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that Milwaukee lies on traditional Menominee, Potawatomi, and Ho-Chunk homeland along the southwest shores of Lake Michigan, part of North America's largest system of freshwater lakes. On this site, the Milwaukee, Menominee, and Kinnickinnic rivers meet, and the people of Wisconsin's Menominee, Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk, Oneida, and Mohican sovereign nations remain present to this day.

What is a Land Acknowledgement?

A Land Acknowledgement serves the district in acknowledging Indigenous people and ancestors who once lived in harmony with land and water where we now live. Indigenous people and ancestors had an historical and spiritual connection to this land and water, treating this land and water as family and still do to this day.

Why do we acknowledge land?

This Land Acknowledgement is written for Milwaukee Public Schools and is meant to be used at appropriate public gatherings. It is meant to teach our children and staff about the historic significance of a people who once lived with and on the land, we call Milwaukee. Therefore, we acknowledge our First Nations people of Wisconsin through this Land Acknowledgement and encourage our brothers and sisters to learn about our Tribal Nations of Wisconsin by studying the history of land taken and culture erasure. It is considered customary for Indigenous people to acknowledge the land.

For additional information regarding our Tribal Nations of Wisconsin visit Milwaukee Public Schools' First Nations Studies web page for resources:

<https://mps.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/en/Programs/First-Nations-Studies.htm>